

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 814

By Floyd

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Donna Roddy on being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Donna Roddy will be recognized as a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association at the organization's 29th Annual Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious event honors a number of women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; the event also benefits the important work of the American Lung Association in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Roddy is a nurse with more than forty-one years of dedicated service who now works with BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, for which she provides wellness presentations to major accounts all throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, a leader in her profession, Donna Roddy was first appointed by Governor Don Sundquist to serve on the Tennessee Board of Nursing. She was reappointed to the post by Governor Phil Bredesen and served on the board for thirteen years, during which time she rendered sterling service as the vice chair for eight years and held an appointment on the National Council of State Boards as an item reviewer for nine years. Mrs. Roddy also served as the director of practical nursing and surgical technology programs at Chattanooga State for more than a decade; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Donna Roddy was given the 2006 Pinnacle Award for outreach at BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee and was nominated as one of the 100 best-dressed women, the precursor to the Women of Distinction awards, in 1985; and

WHEREAS, she is also deeply involved in volunteerism and has dedicated her time and energies as a member of the Women's Fund of Greater Chattanooga board, as a member of the board of trustees of the University of Chattanooga Foundation and Regional Health Council, a member of The Links, Inc., and as the national first vice president of CARATS, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, she is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her husband, Howard, their two sons, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Donna Roddy takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Mrs. Roddy, who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Donna Roddy on being named a 2014 Woman of Distinction by the American Lung Association, thank her for all she has done to make Chattanooga and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.